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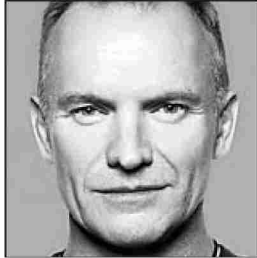
Babies by turns

HOW do lesbian couples decide who will bear the children? Sometimes they alternate. **Sara Gilbert**, who played the precocious daughter on "Roseanne," was at Leonor's Mexican vegetarian restaurant in L.A.'s Studio City looking very pregnant. **Janet Charlton** reports on her Web site. "Sara and her girlfriend of five years, **Allison Adler**, are taking turns having babies," Charlton said. "Allison gave birth to their first child — a boy named **Levi** in 2004."

Team spiritless

INJURED Yankee pitcher **Carl Pavano** isn't cheering his team on. Spies at Southern Hospitality on Second Avenue told Page Six that Tuesday night, Pavano was sitting directly under a TV showing the Yankees beating the White Sox 16-3, but he "didn't cheer, didn't watch. He was just interested in entertaining the ladies

around him." A Yankee rep had "no comment."



Hot tub airlift

WONDERING why The Police concert tickets cost so much? Vacationers at Bow Lake in New Hampshire were stunned last week when a helicopter dropped an enormous box onto a wooded island in the rustic retreat. Our spies discovered the box held a hot tub specially ordered for **Sting** (above), who, after soaking his Boston audience, sought to soak himself before heading to New York — where, by the way, the opening band, Fiction Plane, features Sting's son, **Joe Sumner**, who told "MSG Extras," "I would have done anything in my power to avoid this situation, but couldn't turn down a paying gig."

Critics panned

JOYCE Carol Oates doesn't mind ridiculing critics who give her books bad reviews. In her upcoming memoir, "The Journal of Joyce Carol Oates," she dredges up a diary entry about The New Yorker's "awful" take on her 1976 novel, "Childwold," calling critic **Susan Lardner's** piece "a kind of ninth-grade book review ... But I've come to expect this sort of thing, especially from The New Yorker, and it's illuminating to see how obscure my writing seems to other people ... Am I truly that difficult, or is it a result of their own perfunctory reading?" She adds Anais Nin was "badly hurt by the cruelty of reviewers, their viciousness ... But who hasn't been hurt?"

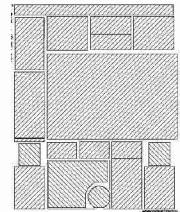
We hear . . .

THAT the new doorman at The Plumm was told to look for another job after asking for IDs from **Michael Vollbracht**, **Michael Musto** and **Patrick McMullan**, who hosts a regular Monday night party there ... THAT real estate man **Andrew Borrok**, 36 — a French Culinary Institute graduate who just sold 14 Penn Plaza for \$350M — will now concentrate on his career as a chef ... THAT **David Barton** is expanding his chain of celebrity-friendly gyms to include seven new centers in New York, L.A., Miami, Chicago and Seattle ... THAT KISS rocker **Paul Stanley** will perform at Rock 'n' Roll Fantasy Camp over Labor Day weekend despite recent reports of heart problems.



Rough transition

SUCCESS on "Project Runway" and "Top Chef" doesn't necessarily translate into success as a fashion designer or a chef, according to New York magazine. Two years after winning the first season of "Project Runway," designer **Jay McCarroll** (above) is homeless. "I sleep at other people's houses ... I got pushed out of a boat and into the ocean, as if, *Oh, you can survive now.*" Reporter **Jennifer Senior** also reveals that **Andrae Gonzalo**, from the second season of "Runway," makes a fair chunk of money "hosting events at gay bars in Pittsburgh."



You don't have to believe it

DOES Glamour stage the photos of fashion "Don'ts" it publishes every issue? Fashion expert **Jayne Chase**, who worked at the magazine in the 1980s, dropped a bomb on Sirius Radio's **Martha Stewart** Living channel the other day when she said: "I was a Glamour 'Don't' — I swear. I used to work at Glamour. It was my first job out of college and they actually take people on staff and dress them as Do's and Don'ts. They don't really grab people on the street and say, 'you're really a Don't.' They actually dress you in the outfits. I had to wear a black bra — here I am in a Lacoste shirt and they put me in a black bra and a see-through fish-net shirt — a 'what not to wear to the office.' It was mortifying." A Glamour spokesperson assured us, "Every single photo in Do's & Don'ts is a real person snapped on the street by Do's & Don'ts photographer **Ronnie Andren**. That may not have always been the case years ago, but is absolutely true for today's Glamour." Chase told Page Six, "Glamour was the best first job I could have had. It was a blast!"



Cozy turn for Reese, Ryan

REESE Witherspoon and **Ryan Phillippe** sure seem cozy these days for a Hollywood power couple supposedly on the outs — and observers of their recent behavior believe a reconciliation may be in the works.

The Oscar-winning cutie and her husband — who separated last October amid reports he'd grown very close to comely Australian actress **Abbie Cornish** — have been spotted shopping, jogging and lunching together in Los Angeles.

"They met for lunch this week at the Votre Sante health-food restaurant, a regular Brentwood haunt for Reese on San Vicente," said our source. "And they're going on runs together around the Brentwood Country Club. Both are regular, dedicated runners.

Running is a very healing, meditative thing, so maybe it will work its magic on them."

The pair also were spotted at Niketown Beverly Hills, where Witherspoon was fitted for pair of Nike Air Zoom Vomero shoes. "She took them for a demo on the treadmill on the second floor and loved them," our tipster reports.

A friend of Witherspoon tells us, "Reese

and Ryan are trying to work it out. They are still close."

Phillippe's rep told us, "It's not true." A flack for Witherspoon didn't get back to us.

Last year, *Us Weekly* claimed it was Phillippe's torrid fling with Cornish that brought an end to his glam union of seven years, which produced two children, **Ava Elizabeth**, 7, and **Deacon**, 3. "Ryan admitted [to Reese] it was true and said, 'We need to just end this.' Reese literally had no choice," an anonymous source told the magazine. Phillippe and Cornish allegedly grew close in Austin, Texas, on and off the set of their movie, "Stop Loss."

In April, Page Six reported how Phillippe was spotted on the prowl with buddy **Joseph Gordon-Levitt** at the Chateau Marmont, screaming at women, "Hey, you're hot! Get over here!"

Witherspoon, 32, and Phillippe, 31, met at her 21st birthday party and subsequently worked together on "Cruel Intentions." She went on to win an Oscar last year for "Walk the Line."



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He may have played TV's ultimate tough guy, but **James Gandolfini** isn't afraid to show off his sensitive side as the love-crazed lug locks lips with gal pal **Deborah Lin** in a Hawaii pool.

Albany mess taints Columbia

THE Albany Times Union embarrassed itself in the Troopergate scandal and now the Columbia Journalism Review has embarrassed itself defending the upstate paper. State Attorney General **Andrew Cuomo** found the Times Union was used by **Gov. Spitzer's** office in its campaign to discredit State Senate Majority Leader **Joe Bruno**.

Now the CJR has rushed to the Times Union's defense in a story headlined, "Cuomo Mugs the Times Union; AG's selective quotes raises paper's hackles." The CJR strongly defends the paper's coverage even though its editors were spoon-fed the Bruno story by Spitzer's office.

But CJR doesn't disclose that **Bob Port**, the Times Union's investigations editor who oversaw the coverage, is an adjunct professor at Columbia. And the

paper's top editor, **Rex Smith**, in a May column described a "unique relationship" with Columbia in which the Times Union publishes stories by Port's students. CJR executive editor **Mike Hoyt** told Page Six: "Columbia University has adjuncts all over the place. It doesn't make any difference." **Brent Cunningham**, who edited the piece on the Times Union, said, "We have nothing to do with the school."



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Call him Mr. Canoodle

JANN Wenner will cuddle up to anyone these days. In April he made out with former Men's Fitness editor **Neal Boulton**. On Wednesday night after The Police concert, he locked lips with **Sting's** wife, **Trudie Styler**. "Trudie walked into The Box and went up to Jann at his table where he was sitting with **John Sykes**, and just started making out with him," said our sober spy. "When she was done, she got up to leave, and Jann pulled her back on his lap and they made out again. It was gross." Styler has spoken openly about her and Sting's "swinging" sex life and once told **Howard Stern** they enjoy "wife-swapping and going to sex clubs."

Lindsay's spy games

LINDSAY Lohan is still keeping an eye on her on-again off-again fling, **Calum Best**. Our spy in London says Lohan has befriended a local photographer, **Andy Sims**, who will spy on Best for her. Best, caught on video partying with two hookers, is well known for a wandering eye, but it hasn't stopped Lohan from gushing about him. She tells September's *Elle*, "He's me in male form. We're very similar. Stubborn, rebellious, very smart, coy, a little bit narcissistic." Neither Sims nor Lohan's rep got back to us.

Trading truth for dough

HEIDI Montag is furious with **Lauren Conrad**, her co-star on MTV's "The Hills," for taking frequent swipes at her reputation. So Montag wants to set the record straight — for cash. "Heidi is shopping her side of the story to the weeklies," said our insider. Conrad has called Montag a "backstabber" and made fun of her plastic surgery. Montag's boyfriend/manager, **Spencer Pratt**, says she'll "go on the record with a lie detector and confirm Lauren's sex tape exists" — which Conrad has denied. But it's not just to clear her name — Pratt told us he's waiting to hear back from one glossy "if they'll meet on my quota." He meant "price."



Sean Delonas is on vacation.